

Remarks

Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 12, 14-19, 21 and 23-27 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. publication no. US2002/0073348 ("Tani").

Claims 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 13, 20, 22 and 28-29 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tani and U.S. publication no. 2002/0029327 ("Roth").

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons given below.

The Tani reference claims a priority filing date of December 13, 2000, which was only 16 days before the filing of Applicant's present application. A declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 is enclosed, in which all the inventors attest that the present invention was conceived and reduced to practice prior to December 13, 2000, thereby invalidating the Tani reference as prior art. Since the rejections of all of the claims depend on the Tani reference, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all current rejections against all pending claims.

Because of their geographical dispersion, the four inventors signed three separate copies of identical 131 declarations. Due to differences in their local printers, one copy was printed as a two-sided document, while the other two copies were printed as one-sided documents. However, the three copies are legally identical documents, and represent a single legal document for signature purposes.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and indication of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible. If any fee insufficiency or overpayment is found, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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